Bribe to Senior Officers of Nagpur Airport

637. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that money is being openly accepted by the Senior Officers of the Nagpur airport from several persons and agencies which come in their contact, in return for favours like encroachment on Airport land, allowing Airport Vehicles for commercial use, illegal cutting of grass, etc.;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in these matters;

(c) if so, what are the findings; and

(d) what action is being taken on such officers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Civil Aviation Policy

638. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has already framed a comprehensive civil aviation policy;

(b) if so, what are its salient features, the details thereof;

(c) whether Non Resident Indians have been treated at par or differently in the case of equity in domestic airlines;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether foreign airlines equity is permitted in domestic airlines; and

(f) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) the Draft National Policy on Civil Aviation is awaiting approval of the Government. After approval, salient features of the policy, including the role of Non-Resident Indian will be announced.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Indian Airlines flights to Porbandar and Kandla Airports

639. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines do not operate its flights to Porbandar and Kandla airports of Gujarat despite these airports being operational;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Indian Airlines propose to start operating its flights to these airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines fleets of Airbus-300, Airbus-200 and Boeing-737 aircraft cannot operate to small airfields like Kandla and Porbandar. Indian Airlines has no immediate plans to start its services to these airports, as smaller aircraft in its fleet (Dornier) are committed to operate in the North-East and Lakshadweep.

हाजियों के नाम पर एयर इंडिया को आवंटन

640. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 3 सितम्बर, 1997 के जनसत्ता में "हाजियों की आड़ में एअर इंडिया को खैरात बांट रही है सरकार" नामक शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार के बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में यात्रियों की धार्मिक भावना क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्रवाई करने का विचार कर रही है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी०एम० इब्राहीम): (क) से (ग) एयर इंडिया हज चार्टर उड़ानों का प्रचालन "न लाभ न हानि" आधार पर करती है। 1994 से हज तीर्थयात्रियों से प्रति व्यक्ति 12000 रू० वसूल किया जाता है तथा प्रचालन की शेष राशि का भुगतान सरकार द्वारा इमदाद के रूप में किया जाता है। 1997 के लिए किराये में वृद्धि का कारण एयर इंडिया द्वारा अपने स्वयं के विमानों द्वारा प्रचालन किया जाना था और कम्पनी के बंधे खर्चे उन चार्टर पार्टियों की तुलना में अधिक हैं जिनके विमान पिछले वर्षों में अधिकांश हज प्रचालनों के लिए पट्टे पर लिए गये थे।

Harassment to VIPs by Parking Contractor at Nagpur Airport

641. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the complaints made by Public Representatives, Government Officials, Social organisations, Citizens Forum etc.about the harassment made to the visitors, particularly VIPs by the Parking Contractor at the Nagpur Airport;

(b) whether any allegations of the involvement of Senior Officers of the Airport have been made for being hand in glove with the Contractor;

(c) whether any investigation has been made into these complaints; and

(d) what action is contemplated on the Contractor and the Airport Officers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) The material is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Disposal of Westland-30 Helicopters

642. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pawan Hans Limited had decided to dispose of the entire fleet of 19 Westland-30 helicopters which were grounded in February, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The proposal is under consideration.

जालंधर में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा

643. **श्री इकबाल सिंह:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने पंजाब के जालंधर जिले में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा बनाने संबंधी कोई निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक हुई प्रगति तथा केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा इस कार्य के लिए किए गए बजट प्रावधानों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी०एम० इब्राहीम): (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। प्रस्ताव अभी आरंभिक अवस्था में है और पंजाब सरकार द्वारा व्यवहार्यता अध्ययन कराया जा रहा है।

(ग) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Bifurcation of Delhi-Karachi Route

644. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR.Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the airport authority of India have bifurcated the Delhi-Karachi route to provide separate air corridors for west bound and east bound aircraft;

(b) whether the Air traffic controllers have pointed out that this bifurcation is faulty and poses danger as it was infringing aircraft separation on four other routes; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Air Traffic Controllers Guild had pointed out some difficulties in im-